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SUMMARY-IN DISCUSSION OF REPORT OF CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 10, ONLY QUESTION RAISED WAS OBJECTION
TO CREDENTIALS OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA DELEGATION BY
CHINA AND FIVE OTHER COUNTRIES, AMONG WHICH CUBA LSO
MENTIONED OBJECTION TO CHILEAN DELEGATION KOREAN
DELEGATION MADE EFFECTIVE NON-POLITICAL REPLY, AD WITH
NO OTHER SPEECHES CHAIRMAN RULED THAT CREDENTIALS REPORT
IN FAVOR OF APPROVAL OF ALL CREDENTIALS (INCLUDING KOREA
AND CHILE) WAS ADOPTED. END SUMMARY

1. WHEN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE PRESENTED REPORT FAVOR-
ING APPROVAL OF ALL CREDENTIALS EARLY IN MORNING SESSION
NOVEMBER 10, CHINA RAISED OBJECTION OT CREDENTIALS OF
DELEGATION OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ON GROUND THAT PEOPLE
OF KOREA SHOULD PROPERLY BE REPRESENTED BY DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA. KOREA IMMEDIATELY RESERVED
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RIGHT OF REPLY.

2. CUBA AND MAURITANIA EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF CHINESE OBJECTION, CUBA ADDING REFERENCE TO CHILE AS WELL.

3. KOREA DELEGATE (DUK CHIN CHANG) THEN EXERCISED HIS RIGHT OF REPLY IN BRIEF NON-POLITICAL STATEMENT. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT OBJECTION RAISED, POINTING OUT THAT REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAD BEEN MEMBER OF FAO AND OF OTHER UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES FOR MANY YEARS. HE POINTED OUT THAT REPUBLIC OF KOREA LONG HAS TAKEN POSITION OF RAISING NO OBJECTION

TO PARTICIPATION OF NORTH KOREA IN UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, BUT NORTH KOREA FOR REASONS OF ITS OWN HAS NOT APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP. HE DEPLORED INJECTION OF SUCH POLITICAL ISSUES INTO ACTIVITIES OF FAO.

4. PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM, GUINEA,

AND ROMANIA THEN SUPPORTED CHINESE OBJECTIONS. CHAIRMAN, HOWEVER, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SPEECHES, RULED THAT REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (INCLUDING APPROVAL OF KOREAN AND CHILEAN DELEGATIONS) WAS APPROVED. ROMANIA ASKED THAT OBJECTIONS BE NOTED, AND CHAIRMAN SAID THEY WOULD BE.

5. QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BEFOREHAND BY U.S. DELE-

GATION WITH CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT, WHO WERE WELL PREPARED. U.S. DELEGATION ASSURED KOREAN DELEGATION DURING DEBATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY THAT IT WOULD HAVE MADE STATEMENT IF NECESSARY, BUT BELIEVED KOREAN DELEGATION HAD HANDLED QUESTION IN BEST MANNER POSSIBLE. KOREAN AMBASSADOR, WHO IS NOT MEMBER OF DELEGATION, TOLD U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO EVENING OF NOVEMBER 10 THAT KOREAN DELEGATION HAD CONSIDERED ADDING POLITICAL POINT THAT REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF AREA CONTAINING GREAT MAJORITY OF KOREAN PEOPLE, ETC., BUT HAD DECIDED THIS WOULD MERELY PROLONG POLITICAL DEBATE NEEDLESSLY.

6. CHILEAN DELEGATE (AMBASSADOR OSVALDO LUCO ECHEVERRIA) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOLD U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO EVENING OF NOVEMBER 10 THAT HE HAD DECIDED IT WAS WISEST SIMPLY TO LET ONE OBJECTION TO CHILE BY CUBA PASS WITHOUT COMMENT. CALINGAERT

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